

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

JAMES MCDONALD,

Plaintiff,

v.

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, NORTHWEST
TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., INDYMAC BANK FSB, DOES 1-50,

Defendants.

No. 2:10-cv-01952-RSL

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO SET
PRETRIAL DEADLINE AND COMPEL
COMPLIANCE WITH DEADLINES

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR: March
1, 2013

Defendants file this motion for two reasons: (1) to request that the Court set a deadline for motions in limine after defendants have received plaintiff's Pretrial Statement; and (2) to request that the Court compel plaintiff's compliance with pretrial deadlines and allow defendants seven days from receiving plaintiff's Pretrial Statement to serve their own Pretrial Statement.

Defendants respectfully request that the Court set a deadline for motions in limine to be filed prior to the trial in this case, set for April 1, 2013. This case was previously set for trial on December 3, 2012, and motions in limine were due November 5, 2012. Before the trial was re-set for April 1, both sides filed motions in limine. However, plaintiff had not served his Pretrial

1 Statement—identifying exhibits and witnesses, as required by Local Rule 16(h)—and
2 defendants moved in limine in November based on their best guess at what plaintiff might try
3 to introduce at trial.¹ In preparation for the April 1 trial date, defendants now request that the
4 parties be allowed to file motions in limine after being apprised of proposed exhibits and
5 witnesses in the Pretrial Statements. Defendants would be prepared to supplement the
6 previously-filed motions in limine, or to file one document incorporating all motions in limine,
7 according to the Court’s preference.

8 Plaintiff has again missed the deadline for serving his Pretrial Statement, which was due
9 on February 18, 30 days before the Pretrial Order is due. LCR 16(h). On February 19, defense
10 counsel notified plaintiff’s counsel that plaintiff’s Pretrial Statement was due, and were told by
11 plaintiff’s counsel that she would work on it this week. Defendants responded that further
12 delay was not acceptable, as it prejudices defendants’ ability to serve timely their own Pretrial
13 Statement, which is required to respond to items in plaintiff’s Statement. As of the filing of
14 this motion, defendants have not received plaintiff’s Pretrial Statement. Defendants are
15 concerned that their ability to comply timely with the requirements of the Court and the Local
16 Rules will be compromised by plaintiff’s delay regarding this and subsequent deadlines.

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26 ¹ Defendants were also in the process of preparing their own Pretrial Statement, although they had no
Statement to which to respond, when the trial was rescheduled.

1 Defendants therefore request that the Court grant defendants seven days to serve their
2 Pretrial Statement from the date they receive plaintiff's Statement, and order plaintiff to comply
3 with all pretrial deadlines pursuant to Local Rule 16(m)(1).² In the alternative, defendants
4 respectfully request a telephonic status and scheduling conference, if that would be more
5 convenient for the Court.

6 Dated: February 21, 2013.

7 ROUTH CRABTREE OLSEN, P.S.

8 /s/ Heidi Buck Morrison

9 Heidi Buck Morrison, WSBA # 41769
10 Attorneys for Defendants OneWest Bank, F.S.B.,
11 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
and Northwest Trustee Services, Inc.

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14 /s/ Joseph D. Mueller

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17 Attorneys for Defendant OneWest Bank, F.S.B.
and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc.

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26 ² Other than conferral, which defendants have attempted, defendants were unable to discern any
mechanism to compel compliance with pretrial deadlines other than filing this motion. Defendants hope
that by filing this motion now, further need for appeals to this Court will be limited.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am employed in Multnomah County, State of Oregon. I am over the age of 18 and am not a party to the within action; my business address is 621 SW Morrison St., Suite 1450, Portland, Oregon 97205.

On February 21, 2013, I served the following document(s) described as:

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on the party or parties listed on the following page(s) in the following manner(s):

☐ **BY HAND DELIVERY:** For each party, I caused a copy of the document(s) to be placed in a sealed envelope and caused such envelope to be delivered by messenger to the street address(es) indicated on the attached service list.

☐ **BY FEDERAL EXPRESS:** For each party, I caused a copy of the document(s) to be placed in a sealed envelope and caused such envelope to be delivered by Federal Express to the street address(es) indicated on the attached service list.

☐ **BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL:** For each party, I caused a copy of the document(s) to be placed in a sealed envelope and caused such envelope to be deposited in the United States mail at Portland, Oregon, with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to the street address(es) indicated on the attached service list.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Joseph D. Mueller

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